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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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**Notice Of Intent To Update The
Guidelines For Reporting On Cultural Resources Investigations For Pipeline
Projects
And Request For Comments**

The staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP) is in the process of reviewing its *Guidelines for Reporting on Cultural Resources Investigations for Pipeline Projects* (*Guidelines*), dated December 2002, to determine if updates or improvements are appropriate. The staff is asking for public input and suggestions for modifications to the *Guidelines* from federal and state agencies, Native American tribes, environmental consultants, inspectors, natural gas industry, construction contractors, and other interested parties with special expertise with respect to historic and cultural resources commonly associated with pipeline projects. **Please note that this comment period will close on July 20, 2015.**

The *Guidelines* are referred to at 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 380.12(f). Full text of the current version of the *Guidelines* can be viewed on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) website at <http://www.ferc.gov/industries/gas/enviro/guidelines.asp>.

Based on the input received in response to this notice, OEP staff anticipates issuing draft changes to the *Guidelines* by fall 2015, and will make them available for public comment. We will then consider all timely comments on the drafts before issuing the final version.

Interested parties can help us determine the appropriate updates and improvements to make by providing us comments or suggestions that focus on the specific sections requiring clarification, updates to reflect current laws and regulations, or improved measures to avoid or minimize impacts on historic or cultural resources. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. A detailed explanation of your submissions and/or any references of scientific studies associated with your comments would greatly help us with this process.

For your convenience, there are three methods which you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances please reference the docket number

(AD15-10-000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or efiling@ferc.gov.

- (1) You can file your comments electronically using the [eComment](#) feature on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to [Documents and Filings](#). This is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments;
- (2) You can file your comments electronically using the [eFiling](#) feature on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to [Documents and Filings](#). With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "[eRegister](#)." You must select the type of filing you are making, select "Comment on a Filing"; or
- (3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address:

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All of the information related to the proposed updates to the *Guidelines* and submitted comments can be found on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (i.e., AD15-10). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8258. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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